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SUBJECT: IEA: SLT MEETING OF JANUARY 22-23

1. SUMMARY: SUBJECTS DISCUSSED IN SLT INCLUDED REVIEW OF REPORT ON 1975 NATIONAL ACCELERATED ENERGY PRODUCTION PROGRAMS AND NATURE OF FUTURE REVIEWS, CONSERVATION WORK PROGRAM FOR 1976, CRITERIA AND METHODOLOGY TO GOVERN SETTING OF IEA REDUCED IMPORT DEPENDENCE OBJECTIVES, REPORT ON WORK OF AD HOC GROUP ON EMERGENCY SHARING OF URANIUM, FRAMEWORK AND ELEMENTS OF A POSSIBLE WORK PROGRAM IN THE COAL SECTOR, AND THE ORGANIZATION OF TECHNICAL WORK REQUIRED UNDER PROSPECTIVE LONG-TERM COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT.
 2. SLT RECEIVED REPORT ON NATIONAL COUNTRY REVIEWS BY AD HOC GROUP ON ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT, NOTED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAMS FOR INCREASED PRODUCTION ADOPTED BY MANY COUNTRIES AND STRESSED THE NEED FOR A MORE VIGOROUS COMMITMENT TO INCREASE ENERGY PRODUCTION TO REDUCE IEA DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL. REPORT WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO THE GOVERNING BOARD PROBABLY TOGETHER
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WITH A DRAFT RESOLUTION DRAWING ATTENTION TO THE MAIN

FINDINGS OF THE REVIEW (ACTION ON THIS TO BE COMPLETED AT NEXT MEETING OF SLT). THE SLT AGREED TO ASK THE AD HOC GROUP ON ACCELERATED PRODUCTION TO CONSIDER AND REPORT BY THE NEXT SLT MEETING ON THE ORGANIZATION FOR FUTURE REVIEWS, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT A) A RE-EXAMINATION OF REVIEW CRITERIA TO INSURE COMPARABILITY WITH OTHER REVIEWS, SUCH AS, OF PROGRAMS, CONSERVATION; (B) THE FEASIBILITY OF INCLUDING AN IN-DEPTH EXAMINATION OF ONE OR MORE ENERGY SECTORS OR KEY POLICY ISSUES AND C) THE POSSIBILITY OF SUPPLEMENTING SUCH ANNUAL REVIEWS WITH SPECIAL INTENSIVE REVIEWS OF FOUR TO SIX NATIONAL PROGRAMS ANNUALLY, POSSIBLY INCLUDING VISITS TO CAPITALS BY A SECRETARIAT REVIEW TEAM.

3. THE CONSERVATION WORK PROGRAM FOR 1976 WAS APPROVED PROVIDING FOR REVIEW OF ALL MEMBER COUNTRY CONSERVATION PROGRAMS IN 1976 AS IN 1975 WITH SPECIAL IN-DEPTH REVIEW OF NATIONAL CONSERVATION POLICIES AND MEASURES IN THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR.

4. DELEGATES AGREED IN PRINCIPLE THAT IEA REDUCED IMPORT DEPENDENCE OBJECTIVES CNT OF FOR 1980 AND 1985 SHOULD BE MORE THAN JUST THE RESULT OF PROJECTIONS OF CURRENT TRENDS IN CONSERVATION AND THE PRODUCTION OF NEW ENERGY; RATHER, THEY SHOULD REFLECT POTENTIAL FOR POLICY REINFORCEMENT OF MARKET PROJECTIONS ON THE BASIS OF AN IN DEPTH EXAMINATION OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF VARIOUS LEVELS OF IEA IMPORT DEPENDENCE ON EVALUATION OF WORLD MARKET, IEA VULNERABILITY TO UNILATERAL OPEC CONTROL OVER PRICE SETTING, ETC. SECRETARIAT ANNOUNCED THAT IT IS NEAR COMPLETION OF FIRST DRAFT OF REVISION OF LONG-TERM ENERGY ASSESSMENT (LTEA) AND WILL FORWARD DRAFT CHAPTERS TO DELEGATIONS BY END OF JANUARY FOR COMMENTS.

5. SLT AGREED THAT SECRETARIAT, AS SEPARATE BUT RELATED EXERCISE, SHOULD BEGIN TO IDENTIFY PARTICULAR PROBLEM AREAS CONSTRAINING ENERGY PRODUCTION, E.G., TRANSPORTATION, PIPELINES, ETC. ON A SECTOR BY SECTOR BASIS.

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6. AD HOC GROUP ON EMERGENCY SHARING OF URANIUM WAS GIVEN REVISED MANDATE TO A) RESTRICT STUDY TO NEAR TERM IMPACT ON SUPPLIES FOR SITUATIONS BEYOND CONTROL OF AN INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY, B) INVESTIGATE POTENTIAL BENEFIT OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR EMERGENCY SHARING OF NATIONAL STOCKPILES AND WORKING INVENTORY STOCKS NATIONAL STOCKPILES AND WORKING INVENTORY

STOCKS OF NATURAL URANIUM AND ENRICHED URANIUM, AND
C) INCLUDE IN PLAN CONSIDERATIONS OF POSSIBLE IMPACT
OF REDUCING ENERGY DEMAND IN ORDER TO INCREASE
AVAILABILITY OF URANIUM INVENTORIES. A PLAN FOR
PERIODIC REVIEWS OF EACH COUNTRY'S NATIONAL STOCKPILE
PLANS AND COMMERCIAL WORKING STOCKS TO ASSIST EACH

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COUNTRY IN RATIONALIZING ITS OWN STOCKPILE GOALS OR
TARGETS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SUB-GROUP ON ENRICHED
URANIUM (SEUS) REVIEW OF NATIONAL NUCLEAR PROGRAMS NOW
SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 16-17.

7. SLT APPROVED A SECRETARIAT SUGGESTED WORK PROGRAM
FOR THE COAL SECTOR WHICH WILL INCLUDE ANALYSIS OF
DEMAND AND SUPPLY THROUGH 1990, ENVIRONMENTAL
CONSTRAINTS, AND POSSIBLE USE OF COAL FIRED PLANTS ON
A STANDBY BASIS. VARIOUS DELEGATIONS RECOMMENDED THAT
THE STUDY BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE A SECURITY OF SUPPLY
CONCEPT, METALLURGICAL COAL, ELECTRICITY AND HEATING
USE, AND DISTINCTION BETWEEN ECONOMICALLY COMPETITIVE
AND NON-COMPETITIVE COAL. AN INFORMAL COAL WORKING
PARTY WILL BE CONVENED TO ASSIST SECRETARIAT WITH STUDY.

8. SLT AGREED THAT, ASSUMING ADOPTION OF LONG-TERM PROGRAM, UNRESOLVED TECHNICAL ISSUES RELATING TO MSP (ANNEX I OF LONG-TERM PROGRAM) WILL BE HANDLED BY MSP EXPERT GROUP CHAIRED BY DUTCH. SECRETARIAT WILL PREPARE FOR NEXT SLT MEETING ON OUTLINE OF OTHER WORK REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED ON THE SLT IN THE LONG-TERM PROGRAM.

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